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In re the Application of

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For: VEHICLE DRIVE ASSIST SYSTEM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 21 and 53 as follows:

21. (Twice Amended) A vehicle parking assist device comprising:

a camera for picking up an image of a backward area of a vehicle;

display means for displaying the image picked up by the camera;

obstacle sensor for detecting presence or absence of an obstacle in the backward area of the vehicle;

drive assist means for detecting a drive condition and for checking if the vehicle backs for parking, the drive assist means, when the vehicle backs, also displaying drive assist information for parking; and

safety check means for checking an end of a parking drive on the basis of the

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01 FC:102 result of the obstacle detection by the obstacle sensor, and when the parking drive ends, the

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